Voklex — 11+ Word Puzzles Worksheet

Hidden words and compound words — 16 puzzles from real GL-style papers, with a full answer key.

Part 1: Hidden words

In each sentence, a four-letter word is hidden across the end of one word and the start of the next. Write down the hidden word.

1. They were not alerted at once.

A) They were B) were not C) not alerted D) alerted at E) at once.

2. The shampoo left bubbles in the bath.

A) The shampoo B) shampoo left C) left bubbles D) bubbles in E) in the

3. The bold monkey sat on my shoulder.

A) The bold B) bold monkey C) monkey sat D) sat on E) on my

4. It is wonderful living in the country.

A) It is B) is wonderful C) wonderful living D) living in E) in the

5. His boss made allocations for staff.

A) His boss B) boss made C) made allocations D) allocations for E) for staff.

6. The vocal music was incredibly beautiful.

A) The vocal B) vocal music C) music was D) was incredibly E) incredibly beautiful.

7. One arrow missed the target board.

A) One arrow B) arrow missed C) missed the D) the target E) target board.

8. The formula teaches you how to calculate the circumference.

A) The formula B) formula teaches C) teaches you D) you how E) how to

Part 2: Compound words

Choose the word that joins with the first word to make a real compound word.

9. (far sea at) (son are den)

A) far B) sea C) at X) son Y) are Z) den

10. (be can fin) (ward less at)

A) be B) can C) fin X) ward Y) less Z) at

11. [HAZE, BLUR, FOG] [PINK, RED, GLOW]

A) HAZE B) BLUR C) FOG X) PINK Y) RED Z) GLOW

12. [FUN, FAT, FIT] [LINE, TIER, FORM]

A) FUN B) FAT C) FIT X) LINE Y) TIER Z) FORM

13. (far for fur) (pen men bid)

A) far B) for C) fur X) pen Y) men Z) bid

14. (under cart sure) (roof edge ridge)

A) under B) cart C) sure X) roof Y) edge Z) ridge

15. (term had tar) (get gun run)

A) term B) had C) tar X) get Y) gun Z) run

16. (char chair black) (grate coal mine)

A) char B) chair C) black X) grate Y) coal Z) mine

Answer key

Every answer includes the reasoning, so you can talk it through together.

1. C — Try joining the end of each word to the start of the next one to see if a real four-letter word appears. Only 'not alerted' works: the last letter of 'not' (T) plus the first three letters of 'alerted' (ALE) make TALE. So the answer is C) not alerted.

2. B — Check each adjacent pair of words. See if the last letters of the first word together with the first letters of the next word form a real four■letter word. In “shampoo left” the end of “shampoo” is “poo” and the start of “left” is “l”, giving the word “pool”. No other pair makes a four■letter word. So the answer is B) shampoo left.

3. C — Look at the end of the first word and the start of the next word; only 'monkey sat' joins to make the four■letter word 'keys'. So the answer is C) monkey sat.

4. C — Try joining the end of each first word to the start of the next word and look for a real four-letter word. The last three letters of 'wonderful' (FUL) plus the first letter of 'living' (L) spell FULL. No other pair in the sentence makes a word, so the answer is C) wonderful living.

5. C — Look at the end of one word and the start of the next. In “made allocations” the last two letters of “made” are “de” and the first two of “allocations” are “al”, which together spell “deal”. So the answer is C) made allocations.

6. B — Take the end of the first word and the start of the next word. In "vocal music" the end of "vocal" is "cal" and the start of "music" is "m", which together form the hidden four■letter word "calm". So the answer is B) vocal music.

7. A — Look at the end of one word and the beginning of the next word. In “One arrow” the last two letters of “One” are NE and the first two letters of “arrow” are AR, which together form the hidden four■letter word NEAR. No other pair makes a real four■letter word, so the answer is A) One arrow.

8. B — In this sentence, the last two letters of ‘formula’ and the first two letters of ‘teaches’ combine to form the word late.

9. B, X — Look at the letters in each word. When you put 'sea' from the first group together with 'son' from the second group, they form the correctly spelled word 'season'. So the answer is B) sea; X) son.

10. A, Z — Look at the first group: be, can, fin. Look at the second group: ward, less, at. Try to join each first word with each second word without changing order. be + at makes the word 'beat', which is a real word. No other pair makes a correct word. So the answer is A) be; Z) at.

11. B, Y — Put BLUR before RED to make BLURRED, which is a real word. The other pairs like FOGGLOW or HAZERED do not make real words. So the answer is B) BLUR; Y) RED.

12. B, Y — Try joining each first word with each second word to make a real word. FAT + TIER makes FATTIER, which is a real word meaning more fat. The other combinations like FUNLINE or FITFORM are not real words. So the answer is B) FAT; Y) TIER.

13. B, Z — Try joining each first word with each second word to make a real compound word. 'For' + 'bid' makes 'forbid', which is a correct word. So the answer is B) for; Z) bid.

14. B, Z — Join a first word with a second word to make one real compound word. 'Cart' + 'ridge' makes 'cartridge', which is correctly spelt. So the answer is B) cart; Z) ridge.

15. C, X — Try joining each first word with each second word to make a real compound word. 'Tar' + 'get' makes 'target', which is a correct word. The other combinations like 'termget' or 'hadrun' are not real words. So the answer is C) tar; X) get.

16. A, Y — Join each first word with each second word to check for a real compound word. 'Char' + 'coal' makes 'charcoal', which is a correct word. Other tries like 'chairmine' or 'blackgrate' are not proper words. So the answer is A) char; Y) coal.